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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

—A Special meeting of the Common Council will be held this evening.

—If you want 100 acres of good farming land give us a call.

—Last Saturday the barkentine Jane A. Falkenburg arrived in tow of the steamer Mary Bell from Portland, and will complete her cargo at this port for Honolulu.

—Judge Denny and wife, Judge Upton and family, Hon. J. N. Dolph and family, and several others who have been spending a week in Astoria, left for the Seaside Saturday evening.

—A Chinese firm of this city offer a reward for the recovery of the body of Charles Land, the Chinese drowned from the steamer Mary Bell last Saturday forenoon, near Tongue Point.

—In our report of the Common Council proceedings last issue, the fact of Recorder Charles Stevens taking the oath of his office was omitted. Mr. Stevens administered the oath to Mayor Kippen.

—The friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. Put Smith of Portland, will regret to hear that death has called to the grave their only son,—the interesting little baby boy that accompanied them on their recent trip to the Seaside.

—One felon at least remains that the Circuit Court did not dispose of last week. It is upon a finger of Capt. Al. Gray's left hand, and though "confined" by bandages, etc., manages to give the holder much trouble and compels him to leave off work for the present.

—The steamer Varuna took a jolly load to Unity, headed for Oysterville last Saturday. Among the party we notice John O'Neil and Mr. Barnes of Portland, Mr. Walton of Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Woodward, Rev. T. A. Hyland also left by that steamer that day, intending to remain away about one week.

—The jury empaneled to try F. E. Howard, indicted for voting at the city election illegally, agreed to disagree, and after having been kept out twenty-four hours were discharged Saturday evening. The prisoner was released on sufficient bonds, and the case continued for another trial at the next term of the Circuit Court.

—Judging from the number of Saratogas amongst the baggage from Portland daily, the people up the valley are flocking to the Seaside much after the style in vogue along the Atlantic coast. Our Long Branches, Saratogas, and Newport are to be famous resorts and no mistake. There is room for all who wish to come. Astoria is "filled" in one respect—but there is still always "room for one more."

—Rev. J. W. Sellwood of Oregon City officiated at Grace Church Sunday, and conducted the beautiful services of the Protestant Episcopal church, closing in the morning with a very impressive sermon from the 16th chapter, 33d verse St. John. The words of Christ addressed to those who believe in him: "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

—An alarm of fire was caused Saturday evening by a burning flue at the residence of N. F. Mudge in this city. No damage resulted. The reflection of the setting Sun on the windows of the building, copied with the fire and smoke from the burning flue, occasioned general alarm, and those who saw it gave up all hopes of saving the house. Fortunately the beautiful Sunset in this part of the world has none of the destructive elements, and the house was saved.

SHIPPING NEWS.

Corbett and Macleay, owners of the Sparrowhawk, were the purchasers of the Clara Louise at Portland last week. They got the Clara very cheap—only \$7,500, and will load her for Japan. We understand that Capt. Forbes, recently in the barkentine Jane A. Falkenburg will go out as master of the Clara. She is here under the Liberian flag, but will sail by the way of Honolulu, be placed under the Royal Hawaiian flag, ship a Kanaka crew and proceed. The Sparrowhawk will go from Melbourne to Manila. We are glad to see Oregonians becoming interested in vessels, but would rather see the vessels built here, than to take them second-handed.

A friend in Portland writes us that "none of the merchants here have received any information concerning the expected arrivals of the Onetta, Holt and Duncairn." We marked them with a doubt last week, having failed to get what was deemed reliable information concerning the report which first appeared in the Commercial Reporter, under Col. Farrish's management. It may be possible they are on the way, but if so somebody ought to know it. We can find none who seem to know anything of them.

Capt. Brown for some time past chief officer of the barkentine Jane A. Falkenburg, will go out as master on the next voyage in place of Capt. Forbes who goes in the Clara Louise. Capt. Brown has the reputation of being a skillful and obliging commander, which capacity he has filled before this.

A Washington dispatch of the 14th says it is probable the Secretary of the Treasury may recommend Congress to make pilots of all steamers Government officers, and require them before taking a vessel out of port, to be fully satisfied that she has complied with the law in every respect.

The steamer E. N. Cooke is at the dock in this city discharging a large load of lumber from Weidner's mill to complete the cargo of the Forward for Melbourne. We understand that Charley Hughes will go out to Australia by the Forward to attend to business of the company there.

Last Sunday the Varuna was chartered to bring down a raft of spars and piles from the vicinity of Rainier, which will be sent to Melbourne by the Forward. A pile is a spar when it gets to be over twenty-two inches in diameter.

The Oregonian of yesterday says the Wetterhorn from San Francisco bound for this port with a full cargo, consigned to J. McCracken & Co is under charter to Laidlaw & Gate to carry a load of grain to Europe.

The Oriflamme left for San Francisco on Saturday morning. The John L. Stephens is expected here to-day from San Francisco.

The three-masted top-sail schooner Oregonian, formerly in the Columbia river trade, sailed for Valparaiso from San Francisco on the 15th.

The Margaret Crockett sailed from this port for Honolulu August 1st, so she is 13 days out. She is expected here in a few days.—Bulletin 13th.

What is her name; neighbor? which way did you say she was going? where was she from, anyway? Let us know.

—Last Saturday forenoon, about ten o'clock, as the steamer Mary Bell was nearing Tongue Point with the barkentine Jane A. Falkenburg in tow, the Chinese cook, Charley Land as he was called, in attempting to draw a bucket of water from the river fell overboard and was drowned. Efforts were made to recover the body but they were unavailing. Capt. Albert Gray was in a boat within twenty feet of the drowning man when he disappeared from sight the last time and was lost forever. Charley bore a good reputation for a Chinaman, and was possessed of a considerable sum of money when drowned, having, it is thought, about \$150 in coin in his pockets at the time of the accident.

—Astoria is thronged with citizens of Portland who are here to enjoy the pleasures of our delightful Summer climate. It is no wonder they come. Last Saturday, in "the coolest place in town," the thermometer ranged from 97° to 124° in Portland. Here the highest temperature indicated on Saturday, Northern exposure, was 80°, and we enjoyed a lovely breeze all day.

—It will be seen that Hung Lee offers a reward of \$30 for the body of Charley,

—The contract has been let for filling the Masonic Hall lot to a level with the street grade.

—Capt. J. H. D. Gray will receive proposals for removal of earth. See advertisement.

—Considerable white paint has been used in Astoria this season, and much more is to be used.

Shipmasters and others in want of blacksmithing are referred to Mr. F. C. Carr, in another column to-day.

—Harry Spedden of this city, who has been confined to his room by sickness for several weeks, is again about the city.

—The Astoria Chamber of Commerce have taken rooms over Gearhart's in Brown's building. The Astoria Farmer's warehouse Company have also taken rooms in the same building.

—The schooner Margaret Crockett from Honolulu brings the following cargo: 2,207 kegs sugar; 50 bunches bananas; 6,000 limes; 20 dozen pine apples. She sailed from Honolulu on the 19th of July.

—We are in possession of a very rich specimen of Silver quartz rock from the coast range of mountains in this latitude, which shows positive proof of the existence of large veins of rock bearing precious metals in that locality.

—We refer with pleasure to the advertisement of Messrs. Fishel & Roberts in another column to-day. Both are thorough men of business, and are building up a reputation for home manufactured goods in their line. The trade is recommended to give this firm a trial.

—J. Wm. Welch, chairman of the Clatsop county Central Committee has issued a call in accordance with the recommendation of the State Committee, for the primaries on the 23d, and the county Convention on the 30th, inst. See advertisement, and prepare for business.

—Dr. J. Welch, Dentist, of the firm of Welch & Thompson, Portland, arrived by the evening boat from Portland yesterday, and will open an office in rooms adjacent to Capt. Rogers' house, for the practice of his profession. Will remain here a short time, and intends visiting Shoalwater bay.

—A party of ladies out sailing for pleasure, in the W. H. Twilight on the 17th, became badly frightened when the sloop passed through the breakers shipping salt water in unusually large quantities, but they were well pleased with their experiences after they had landed safely and learned that the event was only one of every day occurrence about Astoria when newly arrived guests are to be introduced to Neptune and initiated in the beauties of a life on the Ocean wave.

WEATHER ITEMS.—The Bulletin yesterday has a few weather items, pretty good gooks. Here is one of them:

Sam. Smith barbed his thermometer yesterday, and tried to make folks believe it was a case of mercury on the rise. It wouldn't go down.

Here are the others:

If these are dog days let the dogs have them all to themselves. It is too sunny for the girls; too blazing for the boys. Young folks roast and the old folks stew.

If any of the political writers think of getting up leaders, red hot, now is their opportunity.

Seasonable Conundrum (Forced)—What's nicer than a nice cold draught? An ice drink. Punch him.

Not a standing subject, now.—The shirt collar. Is it wet? Yes, it's sweat.

The weather.—Too hot a subject to touch at present.

Good time to go to the North Pole.—Now.

—Capt. John West of Westport, was in the city on Saturday. He informs us that this year he put up 22,000 cases of four dozen cans each—over 1,000,000 meals furnished of our delicious salmon from his works alone. Besides the above he put up 200 barrels of salt Salmon.

—Rev. Mr. Tenny delivered his second interesting lecture on the Prodigal son, at the Congregational church Sunday evening.

LATEST TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

Gold in New York to-day, 115½.

Portland Legal Tender rate, 85½ buying; 86½ selling.

The Adams Express Company has declared a quarterly dividend of \$2 per share, payable September first.

The amount of rain which fell in the region of Philadelphia during the late storm in that section exceeded seven inches.

The Carlists have begun their long threatened attack on Berga. Six hours after their batteries opened fire, the city was burning in several places.

Collector Arthur of New York denies receiving instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury to peremptorially discharge a large number of customs inspectors.

The extraordinary rain storm which has prevailed for two days past in the Eastern States so interferes with the working of the telegraph wires in that direction, that it is very difficult to get anything through.

It is stated upon the highest authority that Count de Chambord has announced his resolution to accept the Constitution for France, prepared by members of the Right of the Assembly, and that he will rule both by the will of God and the good will of the people. A proclamation of monarchy will be made in about six weeks.

The damage done by the storm to the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad is so serious that travel has been entirely suspended for several days. The passenger train which left Washington Friday evening for Baltimore, could proceed no farther than Stony creek, fourteen miles from Baltimore. It was also found impossible to return, and the passengers, forty or fifty in number, were compelled to remain on the cars all night, and some women and children were not taken off the train till six o'clock the next evening.

—A lady recently applied at a life insurance company for a position as agent. When asked what her qualifications were, she touched her unblushing cheek.

—We pity our descendants. A hundred years from now there will be no young ladies who strewed flowers before Washington, no young men who saw him review the army; and oh, dreadful thought, no colored woman who was once his servant.

—The Kentucky Times says: "We had hardly gotten rid of the cerebrospinal meningitis scare before they said the sporadic cholera was coming; and before anybody had time to think about that, the Commercial is now panicking everybody with the announcement of 'the Coming Heligra.' For fear somebody may leave home before they find out what the blamed thing is, we will state that it is a pocket book diarrhea that nobody is liable to, except people who have plenty of money and no poor kin."

—The Nashville Banner says: "No class of men have been more overworked during the past week than our druggists. They have labored almost continually, day and night, only being allowed to take 'cat naps,' the only moments they had of resting their wearied minds and limbs. It is perhaps not saying too much when we accredit them with a Job-like patience throughout the continuance of all their hardships."

COME TO THE FOUNTAIN.—One of the most attractive establishments in Portland is the drug and perfumery store of our old friend Samuel M. Smith, corner of Ash and First streets. Mr. Smith was for many years senior partner of the firm of Smith & Davis. And, besides being a thoroughly practical druggist and chemist is, without a rival, a gentleman as ever grasped a hand in friendship. His store is fitted up and stocked in a magnificent manner with everything usually found in a complete stock of drugs, chemicals, perfumeries, etc. But the feature par excellence is the soda fountain, one of the famous Arctic patent, an immense affair, a monument reared in marble and silver to the health of the thirsty. It has deliveries, on opposite sides, and can accommodate a rush. It is stocked with Kissenzin, Congress, Vichy, Seltzer and different kinds of syrups. The cooling apparatus is the most perfect in use, and the product of that fountain a draught that surges "the nectar of the gods."

BLUNDERS OF THE TELEGRAPH.

We have repeatedly alluded to the "blunders of the telegraph," but never before has lightning struck so near home, to illustrate the beauties of the magnetic line as a common carrier of news, as in the instance of the Portland fire. The Oregonian copies and comments as follows:

Very remarkable are some of the freaks of sagacious relay. We have before us the Chicago Times of August 4th, containing telegraphic reports of the recent conflagration in this city. Says the Times:

The fire commenced in the rear of the Metropolitan Hotel. Nearly all the city bounded by Yamkin, North second street, west of Columbia street, south of river and east is in flames.

We can't imagine what kind of an indiscretion could compel a street to change its name. After that we might expect almost anything. Accordingly, a later dispatch says:

The Portland fire is fully under control. Twenty-three blocks are total ruin. It originated in the furniture store of Hurgren & Schnidder, where no fire or light was used. It was doubtless incendiary. The St. Charles Hotel, the largest building in the city, and two stores, were the only buildings saved on Front street. The St. Charles Hotel is damaged ten thousand dollars. Walker's sack and door factory was destroyed. Loss \$80,000. The Oregon Iron Works were on fire five times.

Front street was pretty thoroughly swept and garnished, but we should say, on a rough estimate, that the above statement is incorrect. There remain on Front street many fine structures, aggregating in value over \$1,250,000.

One house stands on First street in an open space.

We can certify to that report. But if we wanted to be particular, we would add that there are hundreds of splendid edifices in addition to the one mentioned; among them the finest market on the Pacific coast. Other portions of the report are equally startling in orthography and correctness:

A second fire started six blocks from the original conflagration. The incendiary was caught by the police and taken to jail. Samuel Lowenstein, of the firms of Lowenstein & Co., and Emil Lowenstein & Co., furniture, was killed. Johnson, a fireman, fell from a ladder and was hurt. He will recover. Ed. Bockensto, City Treasurer, was dangerously hurt.

The losses are: Borgen & Schendler, \$18,000; M. Seliers, C. S. Silvas, Love's Hotel, Hacker, and Stillmae, \$5,000 each; Walker's mill, Reese & State, \$20,000 each.

Mr. Lowenstein will doubtless grieve over the melancholy news of his death; and Mr. Bockensto, we suppose, in his elation will feel called upon to sue for a quo warranto. Some of the New York papers of the 3d inst. contain blunders quite as ludicrous as those above cited.

Now if the telegraph companies were to permit such blunders to be made in private correspondence passing over the wires involving business transactions, there would be no end to their troubles and litigation for damages, but the Press dispatches can be "bulled" and blundered till you can't rest, and no notice is taken of it. We have no telegraph to Astoria, we want one however, very badly—but we should like to have one of Commodore Vanderbilt's construction, such as the Titusville Herald tells us are to be managed in such a way as to make success certain.

—The India correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette delivers the following home thrust germane to the Sir Bartle Frere mission: "If England is resolved to put down slavery, she might look nearer home than Zanzibar. It flourishes to this day in the protected hill states of the Himalayas. Women are habitually bought and sold within the jurisdiction of the Deputy Commissioner of Siam, the summer headquarters of the supreme government. It forms, indeed, the recognized mode of concubinage, rit; the fixed price for a woman being seven pounds. No limit appears to exist as to the number of times she can be transferred from one man to another; and in more than one case English families have found this the most convenient way of obtaining a nurse. One of the papers say that females could be bought at the fair held last week within six miles of this station."